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Dear Mr. van der Linden:

Thank you for your letter of December 2, 2005, requesting a meeting with the Secretary of State during her European trip this week concerning "reports alleging that territories of some member states have been used in connection with practices of secret detention or extraordinary rendition in possible violation of international human rights law." Unfortunately, as you can imagine, her schedule does not allow for an additional meeting. On December 5, 2005, the Secretary made a statement on this issue, a copy of which I enclose. I trust this statement responds to the concerns that CoE member States have raised.

Sincerely,

Craig R. Stapleton

Enclosure: As stated.

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